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c. 1859

Waters House
Princess Anne
private

Known for most of the last century as the Waters house, this two-story, center hall frame dwelling on South Somerset Avenue was evidently built on the eve of the Civil War by Sydney C. Long, who bought the lot from John and Henrietta Allen on February 4, 1859 for \$200. Sydney, and his wife, Mary, owned the property for a little over five years before they sold the house and lot, "...now in the possession and occupancy of Sydney C. Long in or near Princess Anne..." for \$5,500. It appears Sydney and Mary Long acquired the inspiration for their bracketed house from Francis Barnes, who finished construction of his modified Italianate style townhouse a few years earlier.

Following the Civil War the property passed through a number of hands until John W. and Marianna Carroll acquired title to the house in November of 1886. The Carrolls owned the frame dwelling for close to thirteen years, and then transferred the title to Henry J. Waters in 1899. At the death of Henry J. Waters in 1942, the property was inherited by his wife, Emily B. Waters, and her death ownership the house was occupied by Emily W. Waters until 1977.

1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Somerset
TOWN Princess Anne VICINITY
STREET NO. Somerset Ave.

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Henry Waters
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION frame
NO. OF STORIES 2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY S-89

2. NAME Waters House

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1880-90
STYLE cottage
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC no

The Waters House is a late 19th century frame house built in the cottage style with simple details. It is a two-story frame structure, on a brick foundation, with a one-story porch on three sides and wing out the back. It is a rectangular three-bay long structure with hipped roof. Two chimneys pierce the roof at its ridge.

Its center entrance is composed of a door with four elongated octagonal panels and a transom above. The windows have 6/6 sash and green louvered shutters, contrasting with the white clapboard. Pilasters at the corners extend to the cornice which has a series of simple curved brackets.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	Endangered	NO	Interior	Exterior	good
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6. LOCATION MAP (*Plan Optional*)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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Princess Anne, Somerset County, MD

West elevation

1/88 Paul Touart photographer

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